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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO ASIA SOCIETY

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH THE SECRETARY WILL DELIVER AT THE ASIA SOCIETY JUNE 29, 9:00 P.M. NEW YORK TIME. COPIES WILL HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO EA EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, EARLY AFTERNOON JUNE 29 AND TO PRESS AT 2:00 P.M.

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MENT AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL, INDICATING THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE PUBLIC STATEMENTS WELCOMING THIS HIGHEST LEVEL EXPOSITION TODATE OF US POLTCY IN EAST ASTA AND ENDORSING PARTICULAR POINTS AS APPROPRIATE.

3. TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH

QUOTE. IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT. FOR TWENTY YEARS THE ASIA SOCIETY HAS BEEN BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ASIANS AND AMERICANS. MUCH OF THE

CREDIT BELONGS TO THE SOCIETY'S FOUNDER, JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER
III. HIS INTEREST IN THE CULTURES OF ASIA IS ENDURING; HIS

CONCERN FOR ASIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS PROFOUND; THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SOCIETY WHICH HE CREATED ARE LEGION.

THIS EVENING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT AMERICAN'S ROLE
IN ASIA: AN ASIA THAT IS AT LAST AT PEACE, BUT AN ASIA
NOT WITHOUT ITS UNCERTAINTIES.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ADVANCE THE BASIC PROPOSITION THAT OUR
PROSPECTS FOR SUSTAINING AND DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE RELATION-
SHIPS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF EAST ASIA ARE MORE PROMISING
THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE WORLD WAR II. THE FUNDAMENTAL
CHALLENGES FACING THE ADMINISTRATION ARE TO CONSOLIDATE
THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST FEW YEARS -- THE
EMERGENCE OF AN EVEN CLOSER PARTNERSHIP WITH JAPAN, A
PROMISING "OPENING" WITH CHINA, THE GROWING PROSPERITY OF
THE PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMY, THE EMERGING COHESION OF THE
ASEAN GROUPING -- AND TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE ADVERSE
TRENDS WHICH COULD STRAIN THE PRESENTLY FAVORABLE REGIONAL
ENVIRONMENT. HIGH STAKES HANG ON OUR ABILITY TO MEET
THIS CHALLENGE, FOR OUR INTERESTS IN ASIA ARE ENDURING AND
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THEY ARE SUBSTANTIAL.

I HOPE TO LEAVE YOU WITH THESE UNDERSTANDINGS:

-- FIRST, THE UNITED STATES IS AND WILL REMAIN AN ASIAN
AND PACIFIC POWER.

-- SECOND, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE ITS KEY ROLE
IN CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA AND THE
PACIFIC.

-- THIRD, THE UNITED STATES SEEKS NORMAL AND FRIENDLY
RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA ON THE BASIS OF
RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

-- FOURTH, THE UNITED STATES WILL PURSUE MUTUAL EX-
PANSION OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT ACROSS THE PACIFIC,
RECOGNIZING THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE ECONOMIES
OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REGION.

-- AND FIFTH, WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE TO IMPROVE THE
HUMAN CONDITION OF THE PEOPLES OF ASIA.

IN ALL OF THIS, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT OF THE ENDURING
VITALITY OF OUR COUNTRY'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PEOPLES
OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ASIA I SAY TONIGHT WITHOUT QUALIFICATION

THAT OUR NATION HAS RECOVERED ITS SELF-CONFIDENCE AT HOME.
AND WE HAVE NOT ABANDONED OUR INTEREST IN ASIA.

WE ARE AND WILL REMAIN A PACIFIC NATION, BY VIRTUE OF OUR
GEOGRAPHY, OUR HISTORY, OUR COMMERCE, AND OUR INTERESTS.
ROUGHLY ONE-QUARTER OF ALL OUR TRADE IS NOW WITH EAST ASIA
AND THE PACIFIC; LAST YEAR WE SOLD \$22 BILLION WORTH OF OUR
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PRODUCTS IN THE REGION. FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS MORE OF
OUR TRADE HAS BEEN WITH THAT REGION THAN WITH ANY OTHER,
INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA IS A
WELCOME CHANGE. BUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS PERSIST. OUR TASKS
ARE TO HELP CONSOLIDATE THE EMERGING PEACEFUL BALANCE IN
ASIA AND TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT OFFERS PROMISE
TO ITS PEOPLES.

THE UNITED STATES WILL PURSUE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONS
OF ASIA WITH AN OPEN MIND. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
CLOSELY WITH ALLIES AND FRIENDS. AND WE HOPE TO NORMALIZE
RELATIONS ON A MUTUALLY CONSTRUCTIVE BASIS WITH THOSE WHO
HAVE BEEN ADVERSARIES.

THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS
CONTINUING CONTRIBUTION TO ASIAN SECURITY. WE WILL MAIN-
TAIN A STRONG MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA.

OF OUR ALLIES AND OLD FRIENDS, NONE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN
JAPAN. OUR MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY IS A CORNERSTONE OF
PEACE IN EAST ASIA. JAPAN'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS ARE
FIRMLY ROOTED. NO PEOPLE ANYWHERE ENJOY GREATER POLITICAL
FREEDOM. ITS DEDICATION TO PEACE IS UNQUESTIONED. TWENTY-
FIVE YEARS AGO, EVEN THOUGH JAPAN HAS RECOVERED FROM THE
DEVASTATION OF WAR, ITS ECONOMIC ADVANCE WAS JUST BEGINNING.
TODAY JAPAN'S PER CAPITA GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT IS ALMOST
\$5,000. IN 1953 IT WAS ONLY ABOUT \$700 IN CURRENT VALUE,
LESS THAN THAT IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TODAY.

JAPAN'S GROWTH HAS BEEN AN INDISPENSABLE INGREDIENT IN THE
ECONOMIC ADVANCE OF THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE
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REGION. ITS AID HAS BEEN IMPORTANT IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE
WELL-BEING OF THESE COUNTRIES; WE WELCOME ITS COMMITMENT TO
DOUBLE ITS ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

JAPAN'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BROUGHT WITH THEM CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITIES. ITS ACTIONS, LIKE OURS, ARE BOUND TO HAVE AN IMPACT FAR BEYOND ITS OWN BORDERS. AN ENLARGED JAPANESE MARKET FOR THE MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO A HEALTHIER WORLD ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM, AS WOULD HIGH RATES OF EXPANSION IN ORDER TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN MUST PROCEED IN CLOSE CONSULTATION. ABOVE ALL, WE MUST SETTLE ANY ISSUE BETWEEN US IN A SPIRIT OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING.

TURNING TO CHINA:

AFTER 25 YEARS OF CONFRONTATION, WE ARE CARRYING ON A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

VAST DIFFERENCES IN CULTURE, SOCIAL SYSTEMS, IDEOLOGY, AND FOREIGN POLICY STILL SEPARATE OUR TWO COUNTRIES. BUT THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE NO LONGER FACE EACH OTHER WITH THE HOSTILITY, MISUNDERSTANDING, AND VIRTUALLY COMPLETE SEPARATION THAT EXISTED FOR TWO DECADES.

WE CONSIDER FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CHINA TO BE A CENTRAL PART OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. CHINA'S ROLE IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE IS VITAL. A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA IS IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY REGIONALLY, BUT ALSO FOR GLOBAL EQUILIBRIUM. SUCH A RELATIONSHIP WILL THREATEN NO ONE. IT WILL SERVE ONLY PEACE.

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THE SOLUTION OF GLOBAL ISSUES IS IMPORTANT.

IN STRUCTURING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHINESE, WE WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS WITH OTHERS THAT ARE DIRECTED AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. WE RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT CHINA'S STRONG COMMITMENTS TO INDEPENDENCE, UNITY, AND SELF-RELIANCE.

OUR POLICY TOWARD CHINA WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, AND ON THAT BASIS WE SHALL SEEK TO MOVE TOWARD FULL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THAT THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA. WE ALSO PLACE IMPORTANCE ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE

TAIWAN QUESTION BY THE CHINESE THEMSELVES.

IN SEVEN WEEKS, I SHALL BE IN PEKING TO TALK WITH THE

LEADERS OF CHINA. A BROAD RANGE OF WORLD ISSUES DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION. AND WE WANT TO EXPLORE WAYS TO NORMALIZE FURTHER OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. MUTUAL AND RECIPROCAL EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD ARE ESSENTIAL.

AS WE PREPARE TO GO TO PEKING, WE RECOGNIZE THAT PROGRESS MAY NOT BE EASY OR IMMEDIATELY EVIDENT. BUT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO THE PROCESS, AND WE ARE APPROACHING THE TALKS IN PEKING WITH THAT IN MIND.

ACROSS ASIA WE HAVE CLOSE AND HISTORIC TIES WITH MANY OTHER NATIONS, AND WE INTEND TO SEEK NEW WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THEM.

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THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS MADE GOOD USE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY PEACE ON THE PENINSULA TO BECOME INCREASINGLY SELF-RELIANT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT. THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF ITS PEOPLE HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE PAST DECADE. ITS TRADE HAS GROWN ENORMOUSLY. ITS AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN REVOLUTIONIZED.

OUR SECURITY COMMITMENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND OUR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN IT ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN NORTHEAST ASIA.

SOUTH KOREA'S GROWTH AND STRENGTH ARE THE BASIS FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION TO PROCEED WITH A CAREFULLY PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN GROUND TROOPS. THIS WILL BE DONE IN A WAY THAT WILL NOT ENDANGER THE SECURITY OF SOUTH KOREA. WE WILL ALSO SEEK, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CONGRESS, TO STRENGTHEN SOUTH KOREA'S DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

FURTHERMORE:

-- OUR GROUND TROOPS CONSTITUTE ONLY ABOUT 5 OF THE TOTAL GROUND TROOPS COMMITTED TO THE DEFENSE OF SOUTH KOREA.

-- THE GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF THESE TROOPS OVER FOUR TO FIVE YEARS WILL BE OFFSET BY THE GROWING STRENGTH AND SELF-CONFIDENCE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN ARMED FORCES.

-- OUR AIR, NAVAL, AND OTHER SUPPORTING ELEMENTS WILL REMAIN.

-- WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE KOREANS TO HELP THEM INCREASE THEIR OWN DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SHARE A STRONG

DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A DURABLE FRAMEWORK FOR MAINTAINING
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PEACE AND STABILITY ON THE PENINSULA.

-- WE SUPPORT THE ENTRY OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA INTO
THE UNITED NATIONS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ULTIMATE REUNIFICA-
TION.

-- WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE TOWARD IMPROVED RELATIONS
WITH NORTH KOREA PROVIDED NORTH KOREA'S ALLIES TAKE STEPS
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA.

-- WE HAVE PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS TO REPLACE THE
EXISTING ARMISTICE WITH MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS.

-- WE HAVE OFFERED TO MEET FOR THIS PURPOSE WITH SOUTH
AND NORTH KOREA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS THE
PARTIES MOST IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED AND TO EXPLORE WITH
THEM THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A LARGER CONFERENCE WITH KOREA'S
OTHER NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION. WE WILL ENTER
ANY NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE FUTURE OF THE PENINSULA ONLY
WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

TEN YEARS AGO, EVEN WHILE WAR RAGED IN INDOCHINA, FIVE
SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES CREATED A NEW INSTRUMENT FOR
PEACE -- THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS OR
ASEAN. OUR TIES WITH ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, THE PHILIPPINES,
ARE ROOTED IN OUR SHARED HISTORY. THE STRENGTH OF THESE
TIES IS REINFORCED BY OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. EACH OF
ASEAN'S OTHER FOUR MEMBERS -- THAILAND, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA
AND SINGAPORE -- IS AN OLD AND VALUED FRIEND.

OUR ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME
INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT. FROM THE ASEAN AREA WE OBTAIN ONE-
TENTH OF OUR CRUDE OIL IMPORTS AND A MUCH HIGHER PERCENT-
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TAGE OF OUR RUBBER, TIN, COCOA, BAUXITE, AND OTHER
IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS. THESE FIVE COUNTRIES WITH A
POPULATION LARGER THAN ALL OF SOUTH AMERICA, BOUGHT \$3.7
BILLION WORTH OF AMERICAN GOODS IN 1976.

WE WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH EACH ASEAN
COUNTRY. AND WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH THEM
THROUGH THEIR ORGANIZATION WHEN THIS IS THEIR WISH. WE
ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT THE FIRST FORMAL U.S.-ASEAN
CONSULTATION WILL BE HELD WITHIN A VERY FEW MONTHS, IN
MANILA. THESE TALKS WILL, WE HOPE, FORM THE BASIS FOR

STRONGER AMERICAN SUPPORT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONAL
EFFORTS.

CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND LONG ANTEDATE OUR FORMAL ALLIANCE IN ANZUS.
ONLY LAST WEEK, THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED AUSTRALIAN PRIME
MINISTER MALCOLM FRASER TO WASHINGTON. IN THEIR WIDE-
RANGING TALKS, PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE ASIAN
REGION. THE CONTRIBUTION AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND MAKE
TO THE REGION IS VITAL, AND WE WILL CONSULT CLOSELY WITH
THEM ON ALL MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

WHILE WE WORK WITH TRADITIONAL FRIENDS, WE HAVE BEGUN THE
PROCESS OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

OUR OLD FRIENDS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC HAVE
BEEN KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF OUR TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE.
THEY AGREE THAT THE INTERESTS OF ALL WOULD BE SERVED BY
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND
THE UNITED STATES.

THE SCARS OF WAR STILL EXIST ON BOTH SIDES. BOTH SIDES
RETAIN A RESIDUE OF BITTERNESS THAT MUST BE OVERCOME.
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BUT THERE IS SOME PROGRESS:

-- TOGETHER WITH THE VIETNAMESE, WE HAVE DEVISED A
SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING AND RETURNING THE REMAINS OF
AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION IN VIETNAM. SOON THE REMAINS
OF TWENTY MORE AMERICAN PILOTS WILL BE RETURNED FROM THE
LAND WHERE THEY DIED -- SOME AS LONG AS A DECADE AGO -- TO
THE LAND THEY SERVED SO HONORABLY AND SO WELL.

--WE HAVE LIFTED RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO VIETNAM,
AND TAKEN OTHER POSITIVE STEPS TO ASSIST IN THE PROCESS
OF RECONCILIATION.

-- WE HAVE OFFERED TO LIFT THE TRADE EMBARGO AS WE
ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

-- AND WE WILL NO LONGER OPPOSE VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP IN
THE UN. I EXPECT TO SEE ITS DELEGATION SEATED THERE AT
THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.

THESE STEPS MAKE CLEAR THAT WE SEEK TO MOVE FORWARD IN
BUILDING A NEW RELATIONSHIP. REMEMBERING THE LESSONS OF
THE PAST, NEITHER SIDE SHOULD BE OBSESSED BY THEM OR DRAW
THE WRONG CONCLUSIONS. WE CANNOT ACCEPT AN INTERPRETATION
OF THE PAST THAT IMPOSES UNFOUNDED OBLIGATIONS ON US.

MEANWHILE, A NEW FLOW OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES COMMANDS THE WORLD'S URGENT HUMANITARIAN CONCERN. THEIR NUMBERS ARE GROWING AT A RATE OF 1,500 A MONTH. A FEW COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING THAILAND, FRANCE, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND MOST RECENTLY ISRAEL -- HAVE DONE MUCH TO HELP THESE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE. SOME NATIONS, HOWEVER, HAVE TURNED THEIR

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BACKS, LEAVING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO PERISH BY DROWNING OR DISEASE.

I URGE THAT SHELTER AND AID BE OFFERED TO THESE REFUGEES, UNTIL MORE PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT CAN BE ARRANGED.

TODAY, AS WE LOOK ACROSS THE VAST PACIFIC, WE SEE THE WEB OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT LINKS US TOGETHER, AND AMERICA'S CONTINUING ROLE IN ASIA'S SECURITY. IN KOREA, WE SEE THE OBVIOUS INTERACTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE KOREANS, THE CHINESE, THE JAPANESE, THE SOVIETS AND OURSELVES. ELSEWHERE, THE WEB IS EVEN MORE INTRICATE AND COMPLEX.

PEACE HAS FREED THE UNITED STATES AND ASIA TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHICH HAS BEEN SUCH A STRIKING FACT ABOUT MODERN ASIA.

JAPAN'S ECONOMIC MIRACLE IS WELL KNOWN, BUT THE REMARKABLE ECONOMIC RECORD OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA HAS RECEIVED LESS ATTENTION. OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA EXPANDED BY 11%, THE ECONOMIES OF SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, AND MALAYSIA BY ROUGHLY 8%, THE ECONOMY OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ALMOST 7%.

CONTINUATION OF THESE GAINS CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. WE MUST ADOPT POLICIES TO ENSURE THAT ECONOMIC PROGRESS IS NOT REVERSED AND THAT THE BENEFITS ARE MORE WIDELY SPREAD.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S PLEDGES AT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT ARE AS RELEVANT TO ASIA AS THEY ARE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT INFLATION.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS OF DEVELOPING NEW ENERGY RESOURCES AND TO ENSURE STABLE AND EQUITABLE FUEL PRICES.

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-- WE WILL RESIST PROTECTIONIST TRENDS AND SUPPORT A LIBERAL TRADING SYSTEM.

-- WE WILL SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRICE STABILIZING COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND BUFFER STOCKS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES, FINANCED BY PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS AND SUPPORTED BY A COMMON FUND.

IN ADDITION, OUR POLICIES IN ASIA WILL BE TAILORED TO THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE REGION. THE ROLE OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

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IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS RECENTLY TAKEN THE LEAD IN CALLING FOR A CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO ACT ON AN AGENDA OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

IN ASIA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, OUR HUMAN NEEDS AGENDA MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS WHICH I OUTLINED LAST WEEK AT THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN PARIS:

-- DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD'S RURAL AREAS WHERE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE POOREST PEOPLE LIVE;

-- AN INTEGRATED STRATEGY FOR INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION AND BETTER NUTRITION IN THESE AREAS;

-- AN EMPHASIS ON PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, FAMILY PLANNING AND PRENATAL CARE AT MINIMAL COST;

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-- EXPANDED PROGRAMS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND ON-THE-JOB TECHNICAL TRAINING;

-- RENEWED EFFORTS TO INVOLVE WOMEN IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT.

TO ALL OF THESE EFFORTS THE UNITED STATES PLEDGES ITS STRONG SUPPORT. BUT IN MANY COUNTRIES RAPID POPULATION GROWTH POSES A THREAT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WHILE PRESSURES OF POPULATION ON THE LAND ARE ALREADY THREATENING EAST ASIA'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, SOME EAST ASIA COUNTRIES WILL DOUBLE THEIR 1970 POPULATION BY THE END OF THE CENTURY.

I BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES MUST HELP COUNTRIES COPING WITH THESE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

WE MUST BE EQUALLY CONCERNED WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS -- THE RIGHT TO LIVE UNDER A RULE OF LAW THAT PROTECTS AGAINST CRUEL, ARBITRARY, AND DEGRADING TREATMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT AND ITS DECISIONS, TO VOICE

OPINIONS FREELY, TO SEEK PEACEFUL CHANGE.

WE UNDERSTAND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES. OUR TRADITION STRESSES THE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS AND WELFARE; SOME ASIAN TRADITIONS STRESS THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE GROUP. WE APPLAUD THE DETERMINATION OF ASIAN COUNTRIES TO PRESERVE THE ABILITY, WON AT GREAT COST, TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN POLICIES AND ESTABLISH THEIR OWN INSTITUTIONS.

BUT WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THERE ARE NEW AND GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING THE HUMAN CONDITION IN THE ASIA I HAVE DESCRIBED TODAY -- A CONTINENT AT PEACE, THE HOME OF GIFTED AND CAPABLE PEOPLE SECURE IN THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

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WITH VIGILANCE AND DETERMINATION, WITH FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING, WE ENCOURAGE OUR ASIAN FRIENDS TO GRASP THEIR OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THEIR PEOPLES.

TO DO SO WILL NOT WEAKEN ANY NATION.

ON THE CONTRARY, STRENGTH OF A DEEPER SORT -- THE STRENGTH THAT COMES FROM THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE -- WILL BE THE LONG-TERM RESULT OF DEDICATION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN CONDITION.

THOSE COUNTRIES IN ASIA WHICH HAVE ALREADY EMBARKED ON THIS COURSE WILL BE THE STRONGER FOR IT, AND WE SHALL BE ABLE TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THEM.

I BEGAN TONIGHT BY SPEAKING OF THE WELCOME PROMISE OF PEACE, AND OF PEACEFUL CHANGE, THAT IS TAKING HOLD ACROSS THE REGION. I WANT TO CLOSE BY STRESSING MY DEEP HOPE FOR A NEW SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC. WE SEEK:

-- TO BUILD ON OUR RELATIONSHIPS OF MUTUAL RESPECT;

-- TO CONSOLIDATE THE FRAGILE STABILITY ALREADY ACHIEVED;

-- TO BRING GREATER FREEDOM AND GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS; AND

-- TO ERASE THE DIVISIONS THAT PERSIST.

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TOWARD THIS I PLEDGE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION;
FOR THIS ASK THE SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS IN ASIA
AND OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. CHRISTOPHER

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